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Application No. 10/518,657

REMARKS

Claims 22-55 are pending and claims 42 and 46-55 are withdrawn. Applicant acknowledges that claim 45 was withdrawn in error and considers it as an elected claim. By this Amendment, claims 25, 32, 43 and 45 are amended.

With respect to the objections to claims 25, 32, 43 and 45, those claims have been amended to overcome the stated deficiency. The Examiner rejected claims 25, 27, 30, 31-35 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Riggles (2,406,710). Riggles discloses a plurality of doors (#6 and #16) operably linked and actuated by the landing gear. Applicant has amended claim 25 to overcome Riggles. As claims 27, 30-35 and 45 depend on claim 25, the rejection of the dependent claims is moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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